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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PEPR, PP, ID  
SUBJECT: INDONESIA-RECENT OPM DEVELOPMENTS

1. AFTER HEARING RADIO AUSTRALIA REPORTS OF AN INDONESIAN MILITARY OPERATION IN IRIAN JAYA, AN EMBOFF ASKED PNG DEFENCE FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF IF HE HAD INFO. HE SAID INDONESIANS APPARENTLY MOUNTED TWO OPERATIONS LAST WEEK, ONE AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING AND THE OTHER HELICOPTER BORNE, BOTH ENTIRELY INSIDE INDONESIAN TERRITORY. JUDGING FROM ADMITTEDLY LIMITED INFO, CHIEF OF STAFF SAID ONE OPERATION HIT AN AREA IN WHICH BGEN RUMKOREM BELIEVED TO HAVE BASE CAMP AND THE OTHER HIT AJEA IN WHICH JACOB PRAI'S OPM BELIEVED TO HAVE BASE CAMP.

2. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR HERE CONFIRMED TO PRESS ON MAY 22 THAT THREE INDONESIAN OFFICIALS, A PROVINCIAL LEGISLATOR, A LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDER AND A MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY OPM REBELS. AAP HAD REPORTED THAT THE THREE HAD BEEN INDUCED INTO HELICOPTERING  
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TO WHAT PURPORTEDLY WAS TO HAVE BEEN A SURRENDER CEREMONY. SAME SOURCE SAID US\$400,000 RANSOM ASKED. INDON AMBASSADOR STATED HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER GOI WOULD PAY. MILITARY OPERATION MENTIONED PARA 1 MAY BE GOI RESPONSE.

3. IN RELATED NEWS, PARLIAMENTARIANS QUESTIONED FONMIN OLEWALE ON REPORTS THAT 75 IRIAN JAYANS HAD BEEN SENT

BACK ACROSS THE BORDER BY PNG AUTHORITIES. OLEWALE REPLIED  
THAT GROUP HAD CROSSED IN APRIL AND THAT 66 RETURNED  
VOLUNTARILY ON MAY 20. REMAINING NINE ARE SERVING SIX  
MONTH JAIL SENTENCES IN DARU FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY. THIS  
GROUP PENALIZED AS IT NOT THEIR FIRST ATTEMPT TO ENTER  
PNG ILLEGALLY. IN RESPONSE TO SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING  
IN PARLIAMENT, OLEWALE REITERATED GPNG POLICY OF  
RECOGNIZING IRIAN JAYA AS INTEGRAL PART OF INDONESIA AND OF  
NOT GIVING SUCCOR TO REBELS.  
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